

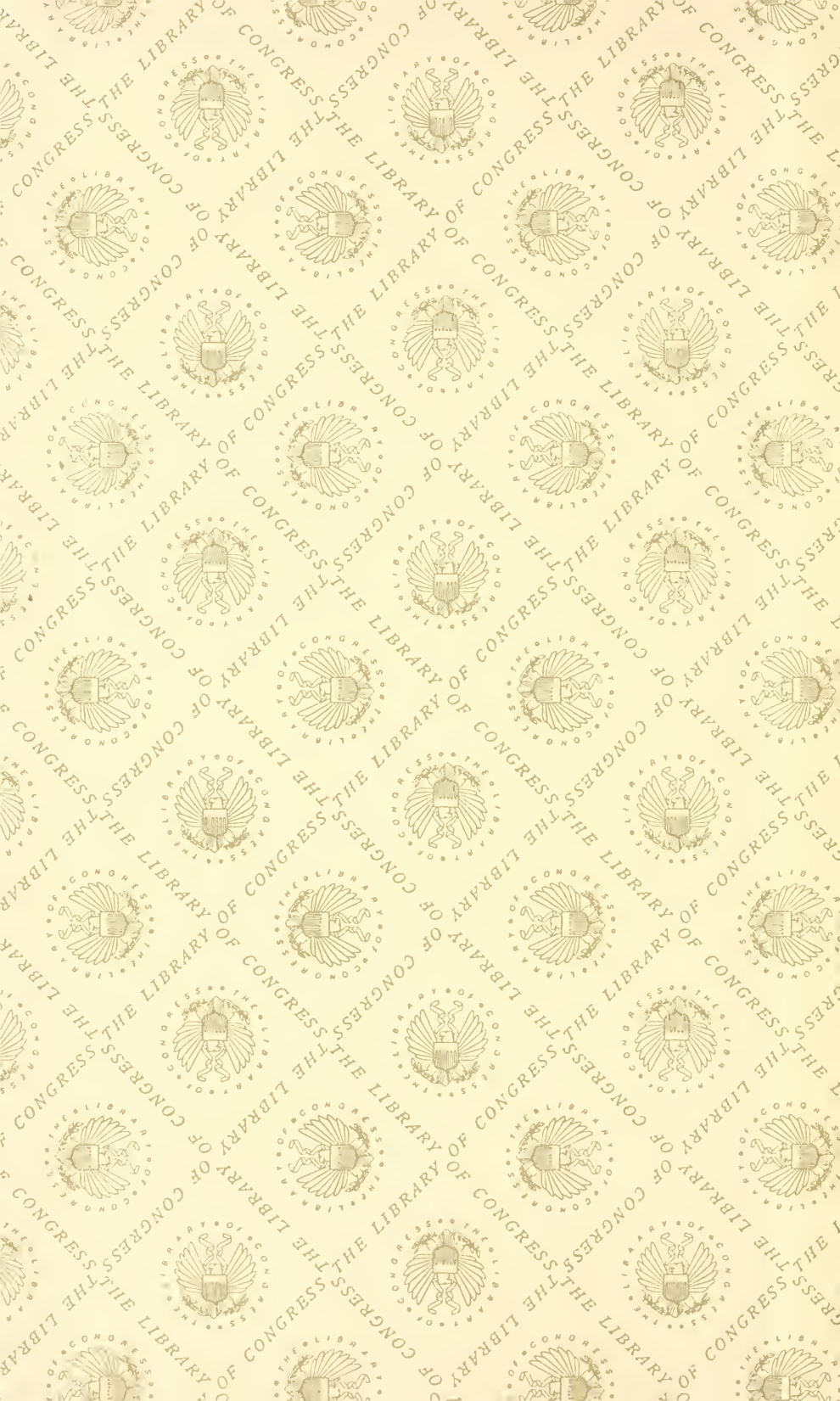
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SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF ALABAMA.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING,

WITH A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER
OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE, A REPORT AS TO SOUTHERN
BOUNDARY OF ALABAMA.

FEBRUARY 28, 1911.—Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be
printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, February 27, 1911.

SIR: In compliance with the act approved June 25, 1910 (36 Stat., 844), there are forwarded herewith a letter from the Commissioner of the General Land Office and the field notes of an examination of surveys of the former south boundary of the State of Alabama, lying between ranges 4 and 14 of the St. Stephens meridian, as run and marked for the base of the original Alabama surveys, and of the condition of the surveys and lands in the vicinity affected by the restoration of the official or Ellicott line.

I concur in the opinion of the Commissioner of the General Land Office that no further action is necessary on the part of the Government in defining the boundaries of the lands involved or the jurisdiction to which they belong.

Very respectfully,

R. A. BALLINGER,
Secretary.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
GENERAL LAND OFFICE,*Washington, D. C., February 24, 1911.*

SIR: Reference is made to the act of June 25, 1910 (36 Stat., 844), which provides as follows:

That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause an investigation to be made by an examiner of surveys of the former south boundary of the State of Alabama, lying between ranges four and fourteen east of the Saint Stephens meridian, as run and marked for the base of the original Alabama surveys; and of the condition of the surveys and lands in the vicinity affected by the restoration of the official or Ellicott line; and to report to Congress as to what action, if any, is necessary and advisable to determine the status of the tracts of land affected by said restoration.

In carrying out the requirements of said act, this office, on January 12, 1911, directed Messrs. Charles M. Pidgeon and Albert C. Horton, jr., United States surveyors, to proceed to the locus of the surveys involved and to make the necessary investigations upon which to base the desired report.

The investigation has been completed and I transmit herewith copies of the following papers, each in triplicate, viz:

Letter of instructions dated January 12, 1911, to Messrs. Pidgeon and Horton.

Field notes of examination and report by Charles M. Pidgeon, United States surveyor.

Field notes of examination and report by A. C. Horton, United States surveyor.

As a result of these examinations, it is apparent that there is no uncertainty as to the legal status of the title or jurisdiction over the lands in the locality of the Ellicott or official line; i. e., those lands north of said line are and have been within the State of Alabama and those south of it are and have been within the State of Florida.

This condition is emphasized in the agreement made in 1847 by the commissioners of these respective jurisdictions, in which agreement the definition of these jurisdictions was made with reference to the Ellicott line.

It is the opinion of this office as a result of the investigations and reports that no further action is necessary on the part of the Government in defining the boundaries of the lands involved or the jurisdiction to which they belong.

Very respectfully,

FRED DENNETT,
Commissioner.

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

INSTRUCTIONS TO UNITED STATES SURVEYORS.DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
GENERAL LAND OFFICE,*Washington, January 12, 1911.*

SIRS: The act of June 25, 1910 (36 Stat., 844), provides as follows:

That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause an investigation to be made by an examiner of surveys of the former south boundary of the State of Alabama, lying between ranges four and fourteen east of the Saint Stephens meridian, as run and marked for the base of the original Alabama surveys; and of the condition of the surveys and lands in the vicinity affected by the restoration of the official or Ellicott line; and to report to Congress as to what action, if any, is necessary and advisable to determine the status of the tracts of land affected by said restorations.

Mar. 1831
 The Ellicott line referred to was the line defined in the provisional treaty between the United States and Great Britain in 1782, concluded in the definitive treaty of peace with Great Britain September 3, 1783, and reaffirmed in the treaty between the United States and Spain in 1795, and is described as the "thirty-first degree of latitude north of the Equator." This line was run in 1799-1800 by A. Ellicott on a line extending east from the Mississippi River to the Chattahoochee, at which time said line formed the south boundary of the Territory of Mississippi; afterwards the Territory of Alabama was formed from the eastern portion of the Territory of Mississippi and the initial point of the St. Stephens base and meridian, governing surveys east of the Pearl River in Mississippi and those west of the Chattahoochee in the southern half of Alabama, was established at one of the mounds raised by Ellicott; a considerable research has, however, failed to disclose the adherence to this Ellicott line as the base of the surveys in Alabama east of the St. Stephens meridian, but, on the other hand, it appears that the surveys of townships numbered one north of the base and east of that meridian were executed without reference thereto and as the ranges progressed eastward, the south boundaries of the said townships appear to have digressed to the northward. These surveys having been executed under the direction of John Coffee, surveyor of lands south of the Tennessee, the said south line of townships one north became known as the Coffee line and to this Coffee line the surveys in Florida were closed from the south, which latter surveys were referable to the Tallahassee base and meridian. Some question as to the authenticity of the surveys of Florida north of the Ellicott line appears to have arisen in 1831, for by act of March 2, 1831 (4 Stat., 479), it was provided:

That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be run and marked the boundary line between the State of Alabama and the Territory of Florida, by the surveyors general of Alabama and Florida, on the thirty-first degree of north latitude; and it shall be the duty of the surveyor general of Florida to connect the public surveys on both sides with the line so run and marked.

In 1847 the agreement of commissioners previously appointed by Florida and Alabama was ratified and the line is described as follows:

Commencing on the Chattahoochee River, near a place known as "Irwin's Mills," and running west to the Perdido, marked throughout by blazes on the trees and also by mounds of earth thrown upon the line at distances of one mile, more or less, from each other, and commonly known as "Ellicott's line" or the "Mound line." (Florida Code, 1873, p. 100.)

The Ellicott line was retraced and re-marked in 1853-4 by B. F. Whitner, jr., under his contract dated October 22, 1853, with the surveyor general for Florida, and soon thereafter a contract was let to S. J. Perry, D. S., providing for the proper closing of the Florida surveys upon the Ellicott line, and from the results thus accomplished the basis of supplemental plats was furnished, which this office constructed, as showing the lands erroneously omitted from the Alabama surveys but included in the Florida surveys between the Coffee and Ellicott lines. The lands so shown are, and have been since their segregation, lands within the jurisdiction of Alabama, and there can arise no uncertainty of their status as to title or jurisdiction. Congress, however, has imposed upon this office the duty of a field examination of that portion of the Coffee survey between ranges 4 and 14 and of the condition of the surveys and lands in the

vicinity affected by the Whitner restoration of the Ellicott line; it also directs that report be made as to what action, if any, is necessary and advisable to determine the status of the tracts of land affected by said restoration. In carrying out such investigations, you will proceed to the locality and make such retracements as may be necessary to furnish the desired report to Congress within the shortest practicable time, and as opportunity offers you will submit such preliminary reports as may be suggested along the line of action required.

A final report in time to be considered and laid before Congress prior to March 1, 1911, is desired, and to that end prompt compliance herewith is directed. Should such action be found necessary, you will find the original records of the surveys in Florida with the commissioner of agriculture at Tallahassee and those in Alabama with the secretary of state at Montgomery, to which points you may find it necessary to proceed for consultation of these records. If so, the necessary authority for such action is hereby granted.

Very respectfully,

FRED DENNETT, *Commissioner.*

Approved January 13, 1911.

FRANK PIERCE,
First Assistant Secretary.

MESSRS. CHAS. M. PIDGEON and
ALBERT C. HORTON, Jr.,
United States Surveyors, Washington, D. C.

FIELD NOTES OF THE RETRACEMENT OF SURVEYS ON FLORIDA-ALABAMA BOUNDARY,
AS EXECUTED BY A. C. HORTON, UNITED STATES SURVEYOR.

Examination commenced January 20, 1911; examination completed January 31, 1911. Retracements executed with a Young & Sons No. 10 mountain transit No. 8478; the instrument is equipped with a full vertical circle and the Smith solar attachment; all azimuth determinations are accomplished with the solar attachment.

January 18, 1911: Near the cor. of secs. 34 and 35, T. 1 N., R. 10 E., south boundary Alabama surveys, latitude 31° N., approximate longitude 87° W., at 11.21 p. m., l. m. t., I observe Polaris at western elongation in accordance with instructions in the manual, and mark a point in the line thus determined by a nail driven in a stake set in the ground about 6 chains north of station.

January 19, 1911: I lay off the azimuth of Polaris, $1^{\circ} 21' 36''$ to the east and mark the meridian thus determined by a nail driven in the stake set about 6 chains N. of station. At 9 a. m., approximate time, I set off 31° on the lat. arc, $20^{\circ} 27'$ S. on the decl. arc, and determine with the solar a meridian which agrees with the meridian determined by Polaris observations.

At 2 p. m., approximate time, I set off 31° on the lat. arc., $20^{\circ} 24'$ S. on the decl. arc, and determine with the solar a meridian which falls one minute east of the meridian determined by Polaris observations. I therefore conclude that the adjustments of the solar are satisfactory.

| Chains. | Description. |
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| | Jan. 20, 1911: Beginning at the cor. of secs. 34 and 35, S. bdy. Ala. survey, T. 1 N., R. 10 E., St. Stephen's base and meridian. A pine post, 2 ins. dia., 2 ft. above ground, no marks, restored by county surveyor. Thence S. $89^{\circ} 33'$ W. on S. boundary of sec. 34. Over nearly level, sandy, pine stump land. |

| Chains. | Description. |
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| 48.51 | Fall 5.57 chs. N. of cor. of Whitner's restored Ellicott survey. An earth mound, 14 ft. dia., 1 ft. high, surrounded by shallow depression. From the cor. house bears N. about 50 lks. |
| | Beginning at center of Whitner mound. |
| | Thence N. $89^{\circ} 33' W.$ on Whitner line. |
| .75 | Road, bears N. and S. |
| 24.93 | Closing cor. of secs. 28 and 29, T. 6 N., R. 28 W., Tallahassee meridian, Florida, bears N. 15 lks. dist. |
| | A lightwood post, 4 ins. sq., 3 ft. high, mkd. 28 on E., 54 on W., from which |
| | An uprooted pine stump bears S. $60^{\circ} W.$ 36 lks. dist. |
| | A sawed pine stump bears S. $63^{\circ} E.$ 60 lks. dist. |
| 31.86 | Cor. of secs. 33 and 34, T. 1 N., R. 10 E., St. Stephen's b. and m., Alabama, bears N. 5.07 chs. dist. |
| | A lightwood post, 3 ins. sq., 18 ins. high, marked S. 4 on NE., S. 33 on NW., R. 10 on SW., from which |
| | A burned pine stump bears N. $20^{\circ} W.$ 24 lks. dist. |
| | A burned pine stump bears N. $70^{\circ} E.$ 140 lks. dist. |
| | Therefore course S. bdy. sec. 34, S. $89^{\circ} 33' W.$, length 80.37 chs. |
| 34.53 | Road, bears NE. and SW. |
| 37.36 | Road, bears N. and S. |
| 58.74 | Branch, 5 lks. water, course N. |
| 62.66 | Branch, 2 lks. water, course N. |
| 79.65 | Branch, 5 lks. water, course N. |
| 81.88 | After diligent search no trace of Whitner Mound could be found. |
| 104.93 | After diligent search no trace of closing cor. bet. secs. 29 and 30, T. 6 N., R. 28 W., could be found. |
| 111.47 | Branch, 5 lks. water, course N. |
| 111.86 | After diligent search no trace of cor. of secs. 32 and 33, T. 1 N., R. 10 E., was found. |
| 153.14 | Branch, 2 lks. water, course SW. |
| 153.36 | Branch, 3 lks. water, course N. |
| 162.29 | Intersect Whitner cor. point. Point identified by resident farmer. Mound obliterated by wash in SE. cor. SE. cor. of house bears S. about 50 lks. Jan. 20, 1911. |
| | Jan. 21, 1911: |
| | Beginning at Whitner cor., point last described. |
| | Thence N. $89^{\circ} 37' W.$ on Whitner Fla.-Ala. line. |
| | Over rolling pine stump land. |
| 12.47 | Enter swamp. |
| 14.28 | Branch, 5 lks. water, course N. |
| 14.50 | Leave swamp. |
| 22.12 | Closing cor. bet. Rs. 28 and 29 W., T. 6 N., bears N. 14 lks. |
| | A light wood post, 3 ins. sq., 2 ft. high, marks illegible account charred condition, from which— |
| | A sawed pine stump bears S. $46^{\circ} W.$ 34 lks. dist. |
| | A white bay, marks indistinct, bears S. $80^{\circ} E.$ 20 lks. dist. |
| 28.56 | Road bears N. and SE. |
| 29.57 | No trace of cor. of secs. 31 and 32, T. 1 N., R. 10 E. |
| 29.61 | Road bears N. and S. |
| 39.36 | Enter swamp. |
| 40.29 | Branch, 6 lks. water, course N. |
| 40.36 | Leave swamp. |
| 70.21 | Road bears N. and S. |
| 78.32 | Branch, 4 lks. water, course S. |
| 78.38 | Intersect Whitner cor. An earth mound 15 ft. dia., 2 ft. high, pine 8 ins. dia. on west edge. Jan. 21, 1911. |
| | Jan. 22, 1911: |
| | Beginning at Whitner cor., last described. |
| | Thence N. $89^{\circ} 37' W.$ on Whitner Fla.-Ala. line. |
| 7.37 | Branch, 2 lks. water, course SW. |

| Chains. | Description. |
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| 24. 67 | No trace of closing, cor. bet. secs. 25 and 26, T. 6 N., R. 29 W., could be found. |
| 31. 07 | Branch, 1 lks. water, course NW. |
| 32. 12 | Trail bears N. and S. |
| 32. 52 | Branch, 2 lks. water, course N. |
| 33. 00 | Cor. of T. 1 N., R. 9 and 10 E., S. bdy. Ala. survey, bears N. 67 lks. dist. A lightwood post, 2 x 3 ins. 1 ft. high, marked indistinctly badly split, from which A sawed pine stump, 2 ft. dia. bears N. 44° E., 39 lks. dist. A sawed pine stump, 20 ins. dia. bears N. 77° W., 38 lks. dist. |
| 45. 00 | Ridge bears SW. and NE. |
| 49. 48 | Enter swamp. |
| 50. 09 | Leave swamp. |
| 50. 80 | Enter swamp. |
| 51. 52 | Leave swamp. |
| 58. 00 | Ridge bears S. and NW. |
| 75. 25 | Branch, 4 lks. water, course N. |
| 81. 87 | Intersect Whitner cor. an earth mound 14 ft. dia. 1 ft. high. |
| | Beginning at Whitner corner last described. Thence S. 89° 36' W. on Whitner Fla.-Ala. line. |
| 3. 92 | Dry bed of branch, course N. |
| 15. 00 | House, bears S. about 6 chs. |
| 15. 97 | Road, bears NE. and SW. |
| 19. 26 | Lindsey Lumber Co.'s R. R. track, bears NW. and SE. |
| 22. 50 | NNW. cor. of Miguel Quigles grant bears N. 41 lks. dist. Identified by settler. A charred post, 2 ins. sq. 18 ins. high, no marks. |
| 35. 12 | Cor. of secs. 35 and 36 T. 1 N. R. 9 E., S. bdy. Ala. sur. bears N. 22 lks. A lightwood post, 3 ins. sq. 18 ins. high, no marks. |
| 43. 04 | Branch, 1 lk. water, course SW. then S. |
| 54. 33 | Branch, 18 lks. water, course N. |
| 0. 12 | Ridge, slopes S. |
| 0. 38 | Enter swamp. |
| 0. 98 | Branch, 9 lks. water, course N., leave swamp. |
| 0. 37 | Road to old mill bears N. |
| 0. 08 | Dim road to mill, bears N. |
| 0. 10 | Road to mill, bears SE. |
| 1. 41 | Intersect Whitner cor. An earth mound, 13 ft. dis., 1 ft. high. |
| | Beginning at Whitner corner last described. Thence N. 88° 56' W. on Whitner Fla.-Ala. line. |
| 4. 20 | Worn fence, bears N. and S. |
| 6. 32 | Dim road to old mill, bears N. |
| 10. 86 | Worn fence, bears N. and S. |
| 18. 14 | Branch 7 lks. water, course N. |
| 20. 32 | Closing cor. bet. secs. 28 and 29, T. 6 N., R. 29 W., bears S. 1 lk. dist. A light wood post, 3 ins. sq. 18 ins. high, no marks from which A rotted pine stump bears S. 46° W. 53 lks. dist. Cor. probably restored by county surveyor. Jan. 22, 1911. |
| | Jan. 23, 1911: |
| 21. 12 | Road, bears N. and S. |
| 22. 80 | Road, bears NW. and SE. |
| 23. 32 | Ridge, bears NW. and SW. |
| 33. 29 | Enter bay swamp. |
| 33. 71 | No evidence of cor. of secs. 34 and 35, T. 1 N., R. 9 E., S. bdy. Ala. sur. could be found. |
| 49. 70 | Branch, 12 lks. water, course N. |
| 51. 13 | Branch, 1 lk. water, course N. |
| 69. 38 | Dim road, bears N. and S., leave bay swamp, enter old field. |
| 73. 35 | House bears N. about 4 chs. |
| 75. 71 | Road to Milton, Fla., bears S. |

| Chains. | Description. |
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| 81. 40 | Intersect Whitner cor. An earth mound, 14 ft. dia. 1 ft. high. Identified by resident farmer. Mound in ploughed field. |
| | Beginning at Whitner cor. last described. |
| | Thence S. 87° 12' W. on Whitner line. |
| 2. 09 | Worn fence, bears N. and S., leave old field, enter Conecuh River swamp. |
| 19. 61 | Closing cor. bet. secs. 29 and 30, T. 6 N., R. 29 W., bears 16 lks. S. A cypress post, 4 ins. dia. 2 ft. high, no marks, cor. probably restored by county surveyor. Jan. 23, 1911. |
| | Jan. 24, 1911: |
| 29. 98 | Branch, 12 lks. water, course N. |
| 32. 21 | No evidence of cor. of secs. 33 and 34, T. 1 N., R. 9 E., could be found. |
| 55. 99 | Left bank of Conecuh River, course nearly S. then W. Jan. 24, 1911. |
| | Jan. 25, 1911: |
| 59. 85 | Right bank of Conecuh River. |
| 64. 04 | Dim road, bears N. and S. |
| 86. 38 | Intersect point for Whitner cor., from which |
| | A water oak, 12 ins. dia. mkd. with 3 old blazes, bears S. 52° E. 24 lks. dist. |
| | A holly, 18 ins. dia. mkd. with one old blaze bears N. 36° W. 27 lks. dist. |
| | No trace of original corner post. |
| | Beginning at Whitner corner point last described. |
| | Thence S. 87° 17' W. on Whitner line. |
| | Continue in Conecuh River swamp. |
| 22. 14 | Leave Conecuh River swamp, enter pine woods. |
| 26. 16 | No evidence of cor. of secs. 32 and 33, T. 1 N., R. 9 E., could be found. |
| 31. 91 | Left bank of Little Escambia River, course S. |
| 34. 04 | Right bank of same, enter Escambia River swamp. |
| 46. 41 | Leave Escambia swamp, enter pine woods. |
| 60. 12 | Closing cor. bet. Rs. 29 and 30 W., T. 6 N., bears 30 lks. S. A light wood post, 3 ins. sq., 2 ft. high. No marks. Probably restored by county surveyor. Wire fence, bears E. and W. 5 lks. S. of corner. |
| 70. 04 | Leave pine woods, enter swamp. |
| 79. 46 | Intersect point for Whitner cor., from which |
| | A black gum, 2 ft. dia., marked with X, bears S. 54° E. 17 lks. dist. |
| | A white bay, 16 ins. dia., mkd. with A on S. and 3 old blazes, S. 65° W. 11 lks. dist. |
| | No trace of original cor. post. |
| | Beginning at Whitner corner point last described. |
| | Thence S. 87° 10' W. on Whitner line. |
| | Continue through swamp. |
| 10. 54 | Branch, 6 lks. water, course NE. then N. |
| 12. 75 | Leave swamp, enter level pine land. |
| 17. 91 | Road bears N. and S. |
| 28. 93 | Cor. of secs. 31 and 32, T. 1 N., R. 9 E., bears N. 26 lks. dist. A pine knot, 6 ins. dia. 6 ins. high, no marks. Probably restored by county surveyor. |
| 66. 62 | Road bears N. and S. |
| 69. 08 | Old Grant cor. bears 2 lks. dist. A lightwood post 2 by 3 ins. 4 ins. high, no marks. Identified by settler. |
| | Leave fence bears E. and SW. |
| 80. 00 | No evidence of Whitner could be found. Jan. 25, 1911. Jan. 26, 1911. |
| 84. 18 | Road bears W. and SE., thence along road. |
| 88. 03 | Leave road, bears E. and NW. |
| 125. 00 | Leave pine, enter bay swamp. |
| 136. 89 | Leave bay swamp, enter pine. |
| 143. 90 | Old Mobile-Girard R. R. grade, bears SW. and NE. |
| 144. 06 | Road bears N. and S. |
| 145. 92 | Closing cor. bet. secs. 34 and 35, T. 6 N., R. 30 W., bears S. 6 lks. A lightwood post 5 ins. sq. 3 ft. high, no marks. Probably restored by county surveyor. |

| Chains. | Description. |
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| 156. 20 | Leave pine; enter dense tie-tie swamp. |
| 157. 73 | Branch 10 lks. water, course S. then SE. |
| 160. 21 | Intersect Whitner cor. A lightwood post 4 by 5 ins., 3 ft. high, marked F. on S., A on N. |
| | Beginning at Whitner corner last described. |
| | Thence S. 87° 05' W. on Whitner line. |
| 10. 30 | Branch, 5 lks. water, course SE. then E. |
| 11. 40 | Leave dense tie-tie swamp; enter pine. |
| 29. 90 | Cor. of secs. 35 and 36, T. 1 N., R. 8 E., bears N. 3.23 chs. dist. A lightwood post, 3 ins. sq., 18 ins. high, no marks. Probably restored by county surveyor. |
| 33. 48 | Leave pine, enter tie-tie swamp. |
| 36. 86 | Leave tie-tie swamp; enter cultivated land. |
| 42. 95 | Worm fence, bears NE. and W.; thence along fence. |
| 49. 44 | Road to Flomaton; bears SW. |
| 59. 29 | House, bears S. about 1 ch. |
| 65. 16 | Closing cor. bet. secs. 33 and 34, T. 6 N., R. 30 W.; bears S. 15 lks. dist. A lightwood post 2 ins. sq., 2 ins. high, no marks, from which A pine, 30 ins. dis., mkd. with old blazes, bears N. 8 lks. Cor. point identified by settler. |
| 71. 60 | Leave fence; bears E. |
| 80. 24 | Intersect Whitner cor. An earth mound, 14 ft. dia., 18 ins. high. |
| | Beginning at Whitner cor., last described. |
| | Thence N. 85° 21' W. on Whitner line. |
| 9. 45 | Branch, 9 lks. water, course S. |
| 12. 55 | Enter Escambia River swamp. |
| 25. 20 | Left bank of Escambia River, course S., then W. Jan. 26, 1911. |
| | Jan. 27, 1911: |
| 26. 20 | Right bank of Escambia River; thence over gravel bar. |
| 28. 87 | Leave gravel bar, old river bank; enter swamp. |
| 51. 76 | Branch, 3 lks.; water, course SE. |
| 53. 53 | Road bears N. and S. |
| 57. 42 | Branch, 8 lks.; water, course NE. |
| 60. 70 | Road bears NE. and SW. |
| 90. 00 | Leave swamp; enter clearing of town of Flomaton. |
| 94. 99 | Intersect Whitner cor.; an earth mound nearly obliterated. Identified by two old settlers. |
| | Beginning at Whitner cor., last described. |
| | Thence S. 89° 41' W. on Whitner line. |
| 5. 79 | Pensacola & Selma R. R. tracks bear N. and S |
| 8. 29 | Leave tracks. |
| | Intersect cor. point of secs. 33 and 34. No evidence remains. Point identified by two old settlers. |
| 21. 27 | Road to Pensacola, bears, S., leave town Flomaton, fence cor. bears N. and W., thence along road fence. |
| 39. 75 | Elger-Sullivan Lumber Co.'s R. R. track, bears NW. and SE. |
| 51. 89 | Closing cor. of secs. 31 and 32, T. 6 N., R. 30 W., bears S. 7 lks. A lightwood post, 4 ins. sq. 5 ins. high, no marks, from which A sawed pine stump bears SE., 16 lks. dist. Cor. probably restored by county surveyor. |
| 54. 68 | House bears N. 14 lks. dist. |
| 60. 72 | Branch, 3 lks. water, course N. |
| 67. 01 | Intersect Whitner cor. An earth mound 11 ft. dia., 18 ins. high. Fence across center of mound, bears E. and W. |
| | Beginning at Whitner cor. last described. |
| | Thence S. 89° 57' W. on Whitner line. |
| 9. 50 | Leave fence, bears E. and N. |
| 10. 00 | Road bears, N. and S. |

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| 29. 69 | Cor. of secs. 32 and 33, T. 1 N., R. 8 E., bears S. 1 lk. dist. A lightwood post, 4 ins. sq., 1 ft. high, no marks. Probably restored by county surveyor. |
| 30. 40 | House bears N. about 1 chain. |
| 39. 30 | Branch, 2 lks. water, course N. |
| 45. 90 | Branch, 1 lks. water, course N. |
| 53. 40 | Branch, 3 lks. water, course N. |
| 62. 61 | Closing cor. bet. Rs. 30 and 31 W., T. 6 N., bears S. 1 lk. a lightwood post, 4 ins. sq., 30 ins. high, mkd. PLCC on E. from which A poplar, 24 ins. dia., bears S. 33° W. 70 lks. dist. |
| | Jan. 27, 1911. |
| | Jan. 28, 1911: |
| 73. 60 | Road, bears NW. and SE. |
| 81. 38 | Intersect Whitner cor. An earth mound, 14 ft. dia. 1 ft. high. |
| | Beginning at Whitner cor. last described. Thence N. 89° 52' W. on Whitner line. |
| 8. 00 | Road, bears NW. and SE. |
| 28. 63 | Cor. of secs. 31 and 32, T. 1 N., R. 8 E., bears S. 8 lks. dist. A lightwood post, 3 ins. sq., 1 ft. high, mkd. S. 32 on E., from which a burned pine stump bears N. 28° W. 90 lks. dist. |
| 71. 90 | Road, bears NW. and SE. |
| 78. 00 | Road, bears NE. and SW. |
| 86. 10 | No trace of Whitner cor. post could be found. Bearing trees destroyed. |
| 90. 00 | Branch, 1 lk. water, course S. |
| 102. 90 | Branch, 3 lks. water, course S., then SW. |
| 104. 60 | Branch, 6 lks. water, course SE. |
| 109. 11 | Cor. of secs. 31 and 36, T. 1 N., Rs. 7 and 8 E., bears N. 4 lks. dist. A lightwood post 4 ins. sq., 18 ins. high, mkd. S. 36 on NW. Cor. probably restored by county surveyor. |
| 123. 00 | House, bears N. about 8.50 chs. dist. |
| 124. 00 | Road, bears NE. and SW. |
| 137. 10 | House, bears S. about 1.50 chs. |
| 143. 00 | Closing cor. bet. secs. 34 and 35, T. 6 N., R. 31 W., bears S. 1 lk. A lightwood post, 5 ins. sq., 4 ft. high, mkd. S. 35 on SE. Bearing trees destroyed. |
| 157. 00 | Road, bears N. and S. |
| 166. 00 | Intersect Whitner cor. An earth mound, 12 ft. hig., 30 ins. high. Cor. of fence bears S. and W. in mound. |
| | Beginning at Whitner corner last described. Thence west on Whitner line. Along lane. |
| 15. 00 | House, bears S. about one chain. |
| 22. 97 | Cor. of secs. 35 and 36, T. 1 N., R. 7 E., bears S. 3 lks. A lightwood post, 1 by 2 ins., level with ground, no marks, identified by settler. Probably restored by county surveyor. |
| 23. 50 | House, bears N. 80 lks. |
| 33. 00 | House, bears S. 1.20 chains. |
| 37. 50 | Leave lane. |
| 79. 03 | Enter swamp. |
| 82. 98 | Intersect Whitner cor. An earth mound 14 ft. dia., 2 ft. high; hole in center of mound. White bay, 6 ins. dia. on SW. edge. |
| | Beginning at Whitner cor. last described. Thence S. 89° 55' W. on Whitner line. |
| 27. 60 | Branch, 9 lks. water, course S. |
| 28. 50 | Leave swamp. |
| 48. 22 | Branch, 10 lks. water, course SE. |
| 55. 28 | Closing cor. bet. secs. 32 and 33, T. 6 N., R. 31 W., bears S. 5 lks. A lightwood post, 4 ins. sq., 40 ins. high, marks indistinct, from which— A burned pine stump, 14 ins. dia., bears S. 33° W. 21 lks. dist. A burned pine stump, 16 ins. dia., bears S. 50 E. 17 lks. distance. |
| 83. 58 | Intersect Whitner cor. An earth mound 14 ft. dia., 30 ins. high. |

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| | Beginning at Whitner cor. last described. Thence N. $89^{\circ} 55'$ W. on Whitner line. |
| 17.80 | Cor. of secs. 33 and 34, T. 1 N., R. 7 E., bears S. 18 lks. A lightwood post, 5 ins. dia., 18 ins. high, no marks. |
| 36.60 | Road, bears N. and S. |
| 52.46 | Closing cor. bet. secs. 31 and 32, T. 6 N., R. 31 W. A lightwood post, 3 ins. dia., 16 ins. high, no marks. Jan. 28, 1911. |
| | Jan. 29, 1911: |
| 63.50 | Enter swamp. |
| 65.70 | Branch, 6 lks. water, course S. |
| 66.40 | Leave swamp. |
| 73.88 | Intersect Whitner cor. An earth mound, 14 ft. dia., 30 ins. high. |
| | Beginning at Whitner corner last described. Thence west on Whitner line. |
| 24.29 | Cor. of secs. 32 and 33, T. 1 N., R. 7 E., bears 8 lks. N. A lightwood post, 2 ins. sq., 2 ft. high in pine stump. Probably restored by local surveyor. |
| 59.25 | Intersect closing cor. bet. secs. 31 and 36, T. 6 N., Rs. 31 and 36 W. A light-wood post, 5 ins. sq., 40 ins. high, mkd. S. 36 on SW., from which Burned pine stump, 30 ins. dia., bears S. 77° W. 26 lks. dist. |
| 83.90 | Intersect Whitner cor. An earth mound 14 ft. dia. 18 ins. high. |
| | Beginning at Whitner corner last described. Thence N. $89^{\circ} 55'$ W. on Whitner line. |
| 18.83 | Enter swamp. |
| 23.10 | Branch, 10 lks. water, course S. |
| 24.20 | Leave swamp. |
| 55.00 | Closing cor. bet. secs. 35 and 36 T. 6 N., R. 32 W. bears N. 3 lks. A light-wood post 3 ins. sq. 3 ft. high, no marks, from which A pine stub, 14 ins. dia., bears S. 26° W. 17 lks. dist. |
| 62.00 | Cor. of fence, bears N. and W., thence along fence. |
| 70.80 | House bears S. 3 chs. |
| 80.28 | Cor. of fence, bears S. and E. |
| 81.00 | Road, bears N. and S. |
| 83.23 | Intersect Whitner cor. An earth mound, 14 ft. dia., 2 ft. high. |
| | Beginning at Whitner corner last described. Thence S. $89^{\circ} 51'$ W. on Whitner line. |
| 16.40 | Enter swamp. |
| 21.60 | Leave swamp. |
| 31.70 | Enter swamp. Jan. 29, 1911. |
| | Jan. 30, 1911: |
| 37.40 | Leave swamp. |
| 52.44 | Intersect cor. of fence. Bears S. and W. Probably point for closing corner bet. secs. 34 and 35, T. 6 N., R. 32 W. |
| 57.60 | Fence corner bears S. and E. |
| 63.30 | Fence cor. bears N., S. and W. |
| 79.50 | Fence cor. bears N., S., E. and SW. Leave fence. |
| 83.17 | No evidence of Whitner mound. Probably destroyed by ditch running E. and W. |
| 99.54 | Cor. of secs. 35 and 36, T. 1 N., R. 6 E., bears N. 13 lks. A lightwood post, 5 ins. sq., 40 ins. high, mkd. S. XXXI on W. and S. XXXV on E. Said by settler to be starting point for Ala. restoration surveys in this locality. No bearing trees. |
| 105.50 | Fence bears N. and S. |
| 105.99 | House bears N. 2.50 chs. |
| 113.20 | House bears S. 1.27 chains. |
| 120.60 | Enter dense cypress swamp. |
| 128.20 | Leave cypress swamp. |
| 130.49 | Intersect fence cor., bears N. and W. Probable point for closing cor. bet. secs. 33 and 34, T. 6 N., R. 32 W. Thence along fence. |

| Chains. | Description. |
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| 138. 20 | House bears S. 50 lks. |
| 144. 30 | House bears S. 50 lks. |
| 157. 30 | House bears N. 1 chain. |
| 165. 34 | No evidence found of Whitner mound. Destroyed by cultivation. |
| 166. 40 | House bears N. 50 lks. |
| 175. 20 | House bears S. 90 lks. |
| 180. 19 | Cor. of secs. 34 and 35, T. 1 N., R. 6 E., bears N. 19 lks. A lightwood post, 2 ins. sq., 18 ins. high, no marks. |
| 185. 50 | House bears S. 1.20 chs. |
| 215. 60 | House bears S. 1.30 chs. |
| 218. 60 | Road bears N. and S. |
| 246. 00 | Enter swamp. |
| 249. 50 | Leave swamp. |
| 250. 31 | Intersect Whitner cor. A flattened lightwood post 5 x 11 ins., 3 ft. high, mkd. with dim A. on N. post, charred and rotted. |
| | Beginning at Whitner corner last described. Thence S. 89° 53' W. on Whitner line. |
| 10. 65 | Cor. of secs. 33 and 34, T. 1 N., R. 6 E., bears N. 26 lks. A lightwood post, 2 ins. sq., 2 ft. high, no marks. Probably restored by county surveyor. |
| 16. 00 | Road bears NE. and SW. |
| 43. 03 | Closing cor. bet. secs. 31 and 32, T. 6 N., R. 32 W. A lightwood post, 3 ins. sq., 3 ft. high, mkd. S. 32, T. 6, R. 32, on SE. Bearing trees destroyed by fire. |
| 61. 40 | Road bears NW. and SE. |
| 80. 19 | Intersects Whitner cor. An earth mound 14 ft. sq., 1 ft. high; hole 3 ft. dia., 2 ft. deep in center. |
| | Beginning at Whitner corner last described. Thence S. 89° 52' W. on Whitner line. |
| 11. 11 | Cor. of secs. 32 and 33, T. 1 N., R. 6 E., bears N. 41 lks. A lightwood post, 2 ins. dia., 30 ins. high, no marks. Probably restored by county surveyor. |
| 16. 20 | Road bears NW. and S. |
| 29. 80 | Enter swamp. |
| 33. 10 | Wire fence, bears N. and S. |
| 41. 50 | Fence bears N. and S. |
| 50. 20 | East side of house near center. |
| 51. 30 | West side of house near center. |
| 52. 60 | Road bears N. and S. |
| 52. 90 | Fence bears N. and S. |
| 80. 30 | Road bears NE. and SW. |
| 81. 42 | Intersect Whitner cor. An earth mound, 14 ft. sq., 18 ins. high. |
| | Beginning at Whitner last described. Thence S. 89° 45' W. on Whitner line. |
| 10. 41 | Cor. of secs. 31 and 32, T. 1 N., R. 6 E., bears S. 27 lks. A pine knot 4 ins. sq., 10 ins. high, no marks. Probably restored by county surveyor. |
| 21. 30 | Southern States Lumber Co.'s R. R. track, bears NW. and S. |
| 43. 02 | Closing cor. bet. secs. 35 and 36, T. 6 N., R. 33 W., bears S. 9 lks. A lightwood post, 4 ins. sq., 30 ins. high, mkd. S. 36, T. 6, R. 33, on SE. S. 35, T. 6, R. 33 on SW. Bearing trees destroyed by fire. |
| 63. 30 | Road bears NE. and SW. |
| 83. 27 | Intersect Whitner cor. A lightwood post, 3 ins. sq., 3 ft. high, charred. No legible marks. |
| | Beginning at Whitner corner last described. Thence S. 89° 36' W. on Whitner line. |
| 1. 40 | Enter swamp of East Fork of Bushy Creek. |
| 4. 50 | East Fork of Bushy Creek, 14 lks. water, thence along creek bottom through dense brush and swamp. |
| 12. 70 | Road bears N. and S. |

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| Chains. | Description. |
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| | Jan. 31, 1911: |
| 43. 50 | Leave swamp. |
| 48. 70 | Enter swamp. |
| 52. 80 | Leave swamp. |
| 55. 70 | Road bears N. and S. |
| 55. 90 | Fence bears N. and S. |
| 57. 60 | House bears N. 2.30 chs. |
| 79. 72 | Intersect Whitner cor. An earth mound, 14 ft. sq., 2 ft. high. Dogwood, 6 ins. dia. growing on west edge. |
| | Beginning at Whitner corner last described. |
| | Thence S. 89° 47' W. on Whitner line. |
| 8. 57 | Cor. of secs. 35 and 36, T. 1 N., R. 5 E., bears N. 5 lks. A lightwood post, 4 ins. sq., 40 ins. high, no marks. Post restored by county surveyor. |
| 17. 90 | Enter swamp. |
| 18. 40 | West fork of Bushy Creek, 10 lks., course S. |
| 38. 20 | Leave swamp. |
| 40. 61 | Intersect closing cor. bet. secs. 33 and 34, T. 6 N., R. 33 W. A lightwood post, 4 ins. sq., 18 ins. high, no marks. Marks indistinct. Post charred by fire. |
| 45. 20 | Old road bears NW. and SE. |
| 81. 10 | Intersect Whitner cor. An earth mound, 14 ft. dia., slight elevation. |
| | Beginning at Whitner cor. last described. |
| | Thence N. 89° 58' W. on Whitner line. |
| 4. 90 | House bears S. 2.30 chains. |
| 7. 99 | Cor. of secs. 34 and 35, T. 1 N., R. 5 E., bears N. 32 lks. A lightwood post, 3 ins. sq., 18 ins. high, mkd. 35 on SE. and 34 on SW. |
| 14. 90 | Road bears NW. and SE. |
| 23. 40 | House bears S. 1.80 chs. |
| 36. 00 | Fence bears N. and S. |
| 39. 64 | Closing cor. bet. secs. 32 and 33, T. 6 N., R. 33 W., bears N. 25 lks. A lightwood post, 5 ins. sq., 14 ins. high, mkd. XXXLLI on SE. and XXXII on SW. |
| 59. 20 | Road bears NE. and SW. |
| 81. 35 | Intersect Whitner cor. An earth mound, 14 ft. sq. 3 ft. high. |
| | Beginning at Whitner corner last described. |
| | Thence S. 89° 47' W. on Whitner line. |
| 4. 00 | Road bears NW. and SE. |
| 7. 32 | Intersect cor. of secs. 33 and 34, T. 1 N., R. 5 E. A lightwood post, 4 ins. dia., 30 ins. high; no marks. |
| 35. 20 | House bears S. 1.30 chs. |
| 37. 40 | House bears S. 1.30 chs. |
| 38. 66 | Point for cor. bet. secs. 31 and 32, T. 6 N., R. 33 W. |
| | Falls in center of road bearing N. and S. Point identified by settlers. |
| 81. 35 | Intersect Whitner cor. An earth mound 14 ft. sq., 3 ft. high. |
| | Beginning at Whitner cor. last described. |
| | Thence S. 89° 47' W. on Whitner line. |
| 6. 51 | Cor. of secs. 32 and 33, T. 1 N., R. 5 E., bears S. 12 lks. A lightwood post, 5 ins. sq., 3 ft. high, mkd. 33 on E. and 32 on W. |
| 7. 70 | Road bears N. and S. |
| 8. 40 | Road bears NW. and SW. |
| 29. 20 | Road bears SW. and NE. |
| 33. 28 | Closing cor. bet. secs. 31 and 36, T. 6 N., Rs. 33 and 34 N., bears S. 3 lks. A lightwood post 4 x 5 ins., 40 ins. high, mkd. 31 on SE. and 36 on SW. |
| 58. 30 | Road bears NW. and SE. |
| 62. 70 | Road bears NE. and SW. |
| 66. 30 | Fence cor. bears N. and W., thence along fence. |
| 76. 10 | Fence cor. bears N. and E. |
| 80. 57 | Intersect Whitner cor. An earth mound 14 ft. dia., 5 ft. high, from which An earth mound 14 ft. dia., 2 ft. high, bears S. 32 lks. An earth mound 14 ft. dia., 2 ft. high, bears W. 32 lks. An earth mound 14 ft. dia., 2 ft. high, bears N. 32 lks. An earth mound 14 ft. dia., 2 ft. high, bears E. 32 lks. |

Jan. 31, 1911.

FIELD NOTES OF THE EXAMINATION OF SURVEYS IN SOUTH ALABAMA AS EXAMINED
BY CHARLES M. PIDGEON, UNITED STATES SURVEYOR.

Examination commenced January 20, 1911; examination completed January 31, 1911.

Investigation of the survey of the Alabama-Florida line, south boundary of the surveys of Alabama, and the status of the land lying between the two lines, under instructions from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, dated January 12, 1911.

Investigation begun January 20, 1911, and completed January 31, 1911.

The instruments used in this investigation were Young & Sons light mountain transit with Smith's solar attachment and an 8-chain K. & E. steel tape.

For brevity the adjustments and tests of the instruments are omitted, as also are the daily observations for meridian.

| Chains. | Description. |
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| | The corner of secs. 34 and 35 on the S. boundary of the Alabama surveys T. 1 N., R. 10 E., is a small light wood post set by the county surveyor in reestablishing the corner for the purpose of surveying out homesteads for settlers: |
| | From this corner I run |
| | E. on S. boundary sec. 35 over open rolling country, partly in cultivation. |
| 7. 59 | Fall 13 lks. S. of a pine post, 2 x 4, set by the county surveyor. |
| 8. 43 | Wagon road extends N. 40° E., S. 40° W. |
| 16. 00 | Old Milton road extends N. and S. |
| 20. 40 | Old fence extends N. and S. |
| 21. 80 | Entered plowed field. |
| 21. 87 | The SW. corner of an old house bears N. 36° 54' E. 6.95 chs. |
| 40. 48 | Leave plowed field; enter open pine timber. |
| 49. 80 | Old road extends N. 40° E. and S. 40° W. |
| 65. 90 | Old road extends N. 30° W. and S. 30° E. |
| 67. 20 | Lindey's Mill Co.'s railroad extends N. 30° W. and S. 30° E. |
| 81. 03 | Fall. 51 chs. S. of corner of secs. 35 and 36 on S. boundary of Alabama surveys, which is an old pine stake, 3 x 3 x 20 ins. above ground, marked |
| | S. 35 on N. |
| | S. 36 on E. |
| | I can not identify pointers, but a distinct old blazed line runs N. from the corner. |
| | From the corner secs. 35 and 36 on S. boundary of Alabama surveys I run |
| | E. on S. boundary of sec. 36, through open pine timber. |
| | At about eight chains I search for the closing corner of secs. 26 and 27 of the |
| | Florida surveys. Failed to find any evidence of the survey. |
| 26. 80 | A mound on the State line bears S. 6.71 chs. |
| 35. 20 | Small branch flows S. |
| 81. 61 | In E. edge of a small branch flowing S. |
| | Fall .57 chs. S. of cor. of Tps. 1 N., Rs. 10 and 11 E., on S. boundary of Alabama survey, which is an old lightwood post 4 x 4 x 24 ins., above ground, marked |
| | S. 35 T. 1, R. 11 on NE. |
| | S. 36 T. 1, R. 11 on NW. |
| | I am unable to identify pointers, but a distinct old blazed line extends N. from corner. |
| | From the cor. to Tps. 1 N., Rs. 10 and 11 E., on the S. boundary of Alabama surveys, I run |
| | E. over rolling pine land through open timber. |
| 34. 31 | A mound on the State line bears S. 8.30 chs. |
| 42. 50 | Enter bay swamp. |
| 47. 50 | Leave bay swamp. |
| 76. 50 | Enter bay swamp. |
| 81. 00 | Fail to find old cor.; blazed line extends N. Continue E. |

| Chains. | Description. |
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| 114.55 | A post on the State line bears S. 8.50 chs. An old lightwood post, 4 x 4 x 30 ins., above ground, standing, in clump of small bays on W. side of small stream flowing S., and marked A. on N. and F. on S. |
| 161.74 | Fall .64 chs. S. of cor. of secs. 32 and 33, T. 1 N., R. 11 E. of Alabama surveys, which is a lightwood post, 3 x 4 x 24 ins., above ground, marked S. 33 T. 1, R. 11 on NE. S. 32 T. 1, R. 11 on NW. Can trace old blazed line N. from this corner. |
| 164.67 | I make search and fail to find evidence of Florida surveys closing S. boundaries of Alabama surveys. From the mound on State line on sec. 25, T. 6 N., R. 27 W. of the Florida survey, I run N. 89° 12' W. on State line. |
| 29.64 | Fall .08 chs. N. of old stub and stake supposed to be cor. to secs. 25 and 26 on State line, but I can not identify the corners either by pointers or blazed line. From this stub I run N. 00° 45' E. to an intersection with the S. boundaries of Alabama surveys and fail to find any corner or other evidence of survey. |
| | From the post on State line in sec. 30, T. 6 N., R. 23 W., of the Florida surveys I run E. on State line |
| 50.12 | Fall .42 chs. N. of light wood post 4 x 4 ins. standing 4 ft. above ground marked T. 6 R. 27 S. 29 on SE. T. 6 R. 27 S. 30 on SW. Unable to identify pointers. Blazed line extends S. From this corner I run S. 29° 31' E. on State line |
| 33.45 | Fall .08 chs. S. of center of mound. From the mound on State line in sec. 29 T. 6 R. 27 W. of the Florida surveys I run S. 89° 26' E. on State line over rolling country through open pine timber. |
| 46.20 | Fall .08 chs. N. of corner of secs. 28 and 29 an old light wood post 4 x 4 x 36 ins. above ground, marked T. 6 R. 27 S. 28 on SE. Other markings burnt out and faintly visible. From this corner I measure N. 10.37 lks. and W. 2.23 lks. to the old corner of secs. 34, 35, T. 1 N., R. 11 E., on S. boundary of Alabama survey, which is an old light wood post 3 x 3 x 24 ins. above the ground, burned and marked; faintly visible. |
| | An old blazed line extends N. From the corner of secs. 28 and 29 of the Florida surveys I continue S. 89° 26' E. on State line. |
| 81.95 | Intersect mound on State line. From the mound on State line in sec. 28, T. 6 N., R. 27 W., of Florida survey I run S. 89° 15' E. on State line over rolling country through open pine timber. |
| 29.40 | Enter swamp. |
| 32.80 | Creek 20 lks. wide, flows S. |
| 42.27 | Intersect small lightwood stub, apparently set by local surveyor. |
| 42.82 | The corner of secs. 34 and 35, T. 1 N., R. 11 E., on S. boundary of Alabama surveys, bears N. 11.30 chs., which is a lightwood post 4 x 4 x 20 ins. above ground, marked S. 35 T. 1 R. 11 on NE., S. 34 on NW. |
| 82.76 | Fall .03 chs. S. of mound on State line. |

| Chains. | Description. |
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| | From the mound on State line in sec. 27, T. 6 N., R. 27 W., of Florida surveys, I run S. $89^{\circ} 52'$ E. on State line over rolling country through open pine timber. |
| 37. 41 | Fall .09 chs. N. of corner of secs. 26 and 27, which is a lightwood post 4 x 4 x 30 ins. above ground, marked T. 6 R. 27 on SW. S. 26 on SE. Traces of other markings. |
| | From this corner I run N. to the S. boundary of Alabama surveys, but fail to find any corner or other evidence of the Florida surveys. |
| 38. 29 | The corner of secs. 35 and 36, T. 1 N., R. 11 E., on S. boundary of the Alabama surveys, bears N. 12.02 chs., which is a lightwood post 3 x 4 x 30 ins. above ground, marked S. 35, T. 1 R., 11 on N. S. 36 on E. |
| 74. 25 | Unable to identify pointers but blazed line extends N. |
| 82. 75 | Small creek flows S. Fall .38 chs. N. of mound on State line. |
| | From the mound on the State line in sec. 26, T. 6 N., R. 27 S., $87^{\circ} 53'$ E., on State line over rolling country through open pine timber. |
| 21. 40 | Small stream flows S. 20° W. |
| 33. 75 | Enter swamp. |
| 34. 81 | Fail to find corner of secs. 25 and 26 of Florida surveys. |
| 34. 63 | The corner of T. 1 N., Rs. 11 and 12 E., on S. boundary of Alabama surveys, bears N. 14.16 chs. A recently set lightwood post 3 x 3 x 24 ins. above ground not marked. A blazed line extends N. |
| | Unable to identify pointers. |
| 35. 60 | Enter old dam and mill seat. |
| 36. 87 | Creek 10 lks. wide, flows SE. |
| 75. 00 | Intersect mound on A. and F. line. |
| | From the mound on State line in sec. 25, T. 6 N., R. 27 W. of the Florida surveys I run S. $89^{\circ} 12'$ E. on State line over rolling land through open pine timber. |
| 40. 44 | Intersect corner of T. 6 N., Rs. 26 and 27 W. of the Florida surveys, which is a lightwood post 4 x 4 x 28 ins. above ground, markings slightly visible. From this corner I run N. to an intersection with the S. boundary of Alabama surveys, but fail to find corner or evidence of Florida survey. |
| | At |
| 38. 75 | Post on S. boundary of Alabama surveys, bears N. 16.06. |
| 43. 50 | Road extends N. and S. |
| 83. 62 | Intersect mound on State line. |
| | From the mound in sec. 30, T. 6 N., R. 26 W. of Florida surveys I run S. $89^{\circ} 17'$ E. on State line over rolling land and through open pine timber. |
| 29. 30 | Small stream flows SE |
| 36. 23 | Fall .06 chs. S. of cor. to secs. 29 and 30, which is a lightwood post 4 x 4 x 38 ins. above ground, marked 29-6-26 on SE. 30-66-6 on SW. |
| | This is a recently set post, and an old burnt stub stands near it 3 links S. of my line. |
| 36. 15 | The corner of secs. 32 and 33 on S. boundary of Alabama surveys bears N. 17.50 chs. An old lightwood post $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 30$ ins. above ground, marked T. 1 N., R. 12 E.; S. 33 on NE.; T. 1 N., R. 12 E., S. 32 on NW., with 4 notches on E. and 2 on W. Unable to identify pointers. |

| Chains. | Description. |
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| | Blazed line extends N. Fail to find corner or other evidence of Florida surveys on S. boundary of Alabama surveys. |
| 42. 10 | Enter swamp. |
| 45. 50 | Stream 10 lks. wide, flows SW. |
| 48. 50 | Leave swamp. |
| 83. 14 | Fall .04 chs. S. of mound on State line. |
| | From the mound on State line in sec. 29, T. 6 N., R. 26 W., I run S. 89° 50' E. on State line over rolling land through open pine field. |
| 10. 00 | Road extends NE. and SW. |
| 32. 65 | Intersect corner secs. 28 and 29, T. 6 N., R. 26 W., of the Florida surveys, which is a recently set lightwood post 4 x 4 x 28 ins. above ground, marked 28-6-26 on SE. 29-6-26 on SW. |
| | From which a pine 12 ins. in diameter bears S. 34 E. .37. An old blazed line extends S. |
| 33. 59 | Corner of secs. 33 and 34, T. 1 N., R. 12 E., on S. boundary of Alabama surveys bears N. 18.26 chs., which is a lightwood post 4 x 4 x 24 ins. above ground, marked S. 34 on NE. with 3 notches on E. Other marks burned out. Failed to find pointers. A blazed line extends N. .79 chs. W. of this post is a recently set post 2 x 2 x 28 ins. above ground, marked 28-6-26 on SE. 29-6-26 on SW. |
| | Blazed line extends S. |
| 84. 10 | Intersect mound on State line. From the mound on State line in sec. 28, T. 6 N., R. 26 W., of Florida survey I run E. 89° 44' E. on State line. |
| 15. 75 | Stream 2 lks. wide, flows SW. |
| 27. 40 | Fall .03 chs. N. of old post 4 x 4 x 40 ins. above ground, not marked. Blazed line extends S. |
| 28. 37 | Corner of secs. 34 and 35, T. 1 N., R. 12 E., on S. boundary of Alabama sur- veys bears N. 18.56 chs., which is a recently set lightwood post 5 x 5 x 30 ins. above ground marked 35-1-12 on NE. 34-1-12 on NW. |
| | From which an old stump bears N. 56° E., 1.15 chs. An old stump bears N. 75½ E. 1.35 chs. Blazed line extends N. W. of this corner, .62 chs. is a recently set lightwood post 5 x 5 x 36 ins. above ground marked 27 on SE. 28 on SW. |
| | A blazed line extends S. |
| 83. 85 | Fall .08 chs. N. of mound on State line. |
| | From the mound on State line in sec. 27, T. 6 N., R. 26 W. of the Florida surveys I run S. 89° 52' E. on State line over rolling land through open pine timber. |
| 23. 19 | Corner of secs. 35 and 36, T. 1 N., R. 12 E., on S. boundary of Alabama surveys bears N. 19.02 chs., which is a lightwood post 3 x 4 x 30 ins. above ground marked 1 M. post 36-1-12 on NE. 1 M. post on SW. |
| | Blazed line extends E., W., and N. |
| 24. 67 | Fall .10 chs. N. of old post with faint traces of markings. |
| 69. 60 | Creek 15 lks. wide, flows SE. |
| 70. 75 | Creek 10 lks. wide, flows SW. |
| 80. 50 | Fall .04 chs. S. of mound on State line. |

| Chains. | Description. |
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| | From the mound on State line in sec. 26, T. 6 N., R. 26 W., of Florida surveys I run |
| 18. 20 | S. 89° 48' E. on State line over rolling land through open pine timber. Fall .08 chs. N. of an old post 4 x 4 x 36 ins. above ground with no marks visible, from which An old burnt stump bears S. 42° E. .81 chs. Line blazed through N. and S. |
| 20. 86 | The corner of T. 1 N., Rs. 12 and 13 E., on S. boundary of Alabama surveys bears N. 18.91 chs., which is a recently set lightwood post 4 x 5 x 36 ins. above ground, marked S. 31-1-13 on NE. S. 36-1-12 on NW. Line blazed North. West of this post is a recently set lightwood post 4 x 4 x 3 ins. above ground, marked S. 31-1-13 on NE. S. 36-1-12 on NW. S. 25-6-26 on SE. S. 26-6-26 on SW. Line blazed S. |
| 83. 56 | Fall .10 chs. N. of mound on State line. |
| | From the mound on State line in sec. 25, T. 6 N., R. 25 W., I run |
| 14. 60 | S. 89° 53' E. over rolling land through open pine timber. Fall .03 chs. N. of cor. in Tps. 6 N., R. 25 and 26 W., which is an old lightwood post 4 x 4 x 36 ins. above ground with faint tracings of markings. Blazed line extends S. |
| 17. 17 | Corner of secs. 31 and 32, T. 1 N., R. 13 E., bears N. 19.37 chs. Corner stands in open field and is unmarked. I find in timber old blazed lines extending NE. and W. I failed to find cor. of Florida surveys on S. boundary of Alabama survey. |
| 83. 35 | Fall .25 chs. N. of mound on State line. |
| | From the mound on State line in sec. 30, T. 6, R. 25 W., I run |
| 9. 58 | S. 88° 40' E. over rolling land and through open pine timber. Fall .04 chs. N. of cor. of secs. 29 and 30 on State line which is a lightwood post 4 x 4 x 36 ins. above ground with faint tracings of markings on SE., and 6-25-30 distinguishable on SW. Blazed line extends S. |
| 14. 54 | A recently set post bears N. 18.04 chs. marked 33 on NE. 32 on NW. |
| | From this post W. 4.55 chs. and S. .10 chs. is a lightwood post 5 x 5 x 40 ins. above ground, marked 20-6-25 on SE., 19 on SW. |
| | Also from the cor. of secs. 32 and 33 W. 4.66 chs. and S. 3.75 chs. is a recently set lightwood post 2 x 2 x 14 ins. above ground, marked 20 on NE. and 19 on NW. |
| 32. 20 | Faint traces of other markings. Stream 20 lks. wide flows SE. Enter swamp. |
| 47. 00 | Leave swamp. |
| 75. 77 | Fall .13 chs. N. of mound on State line. |
| | From the mound on State line in sec. 29, T. 6 N., R. 25 W., I run |
| 12. 46 | S. 89° 58' E. on State line over rolling land through open pine timber. Fall .03 chs. N. of recently set post, lightwood 3 x 3 x 12 ins. above ground, marked 28-6-25 on NE., 29-6-25 on NW. |
| 12. 95 | Recently set post bears N. 17.51 chs., lightwood, 4 x 4 x 30 ins. above ground, marked 21 on NE. 28 on SE. 29-T. 6 R., 25 on SW. 20 on NW. |

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| 20.00 | Recently set post bears N. 21.41 chs. lightwood 3 x 4 x 36 ins. above ground, marked S. 34-1-13 on NE. 33-1-13 on NW. Blazed line extends N. From this post W. 6.93 chs. and S. .02 chs. is a recently set lightwood post 4 x 4 x 30 ins. above ground, marked 21 on SE. 20-T. 6 R.-25 on SW. |
| 83.60 | Fall .42 chs. N. of mound on State line. From the mound on State line in sec. 28 T. 6 N. R. 25 x W. 1 run S. 89° 19' E. on the State line over rolling land and through open pine timber. |
| 7.81 | Fall .05 chs. N. a lightwood post set 14 ins. above ground from which corner a line is blazed S. |
| 8.09 | A recently set lightwood post bears N. 16.05 chs. 4 x 4 x 40 ins. above ground, marked 22-6-25 on NE. 27-6-25 on SE. 28-6-25 on SW. 21-6-25 on NW. |
| 8.10 | From this post a blazed line extends E. and W. and N. and S. A recently set post bears N. 21.79 chs. lightwood 4 x 4 x 10 ins. above ground, marked 22-6-25 on SE. 21 on SW. |
| 17.99 | A recently set post bears N. 22 chs. lightwood 4 x 4 x 48 ins. above ground, marked 35-1-13 on NE. 34 on NW. Blazed line extends E. and W. and N. |
| 32.00 | Enter swamp. |
| 42.00 | Leave swamp. |
| 79.17 | Fall .32 chs. N. of recently set post, lightwood, 3 x 3 x 16 ins., above ground marked 22 on SE., 23 on SW. Blazed line extends N. and S. |
| 82.00 | Fall .32 chs. N. of mound on State line. From the mound on State line in sec. 27, T. 6 R., 25 W., 1 run S. 83° 30' E. on State line over rolling land through open pine timber. |
| 16.14 | A recently set post bears N., 23.97 chs., lightwood, 8 x 4 x 48 ins., above ground, marked 36-1-13 on NE. 35-1-13 on NW. |
| 11.20 | Right bank of Blackwater Creek 1 chain wide flows S. |
| 76.00 | Fall .76 chs. N. of recently set post, lightwood, 3 x 3 x 4 ins., above ground, not marked. Blazed line extends S. |
| 81.90 | Fall 15 chs. N. of mound on State line. From this mound 1 run N. 31.56 chs. From which point a stob set by county surveyors for cor. of secs. 23 and 24 of Florida surveys on S. boundary of Alabama surveys bear W. 5.55 chs. And a recently set post for cor. of secs. 36 and 31, T. 1 N., R. 13 and 14 N., on S. boundary of Alabama surveys. Bears E. 16.10 chs. and S., .04 chs. From the corner of secs. 36 and 31, T. 1 N., R. 23 and 14 E., on S. boundary of Alabama surveys, 1 run N. on range line through open country. |

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| 7150 | Fall .07 chs. W. of recently set lightwood post 4 x 4 x 30 ins. above ground, marked 30 on NE. 31 on SE. 36-1-13 on SW. 25-1-13 on NW. |
| 34. 87 | From the cor. of T. 1 N., Rs. 12 and 13 E., on S. boundary of Alabama surveys I ran N. between secs. 36 and 31x on range line. Fell .05 chs. E. of recently set lightwood post 3 x 3 x 24 ins. above ground, marked $\frac{1}{2}$ -34-85 $\frac{1}{2}$ on N. and S. |
| 69. 77 | Fell .08 chs. of recently set lightwood post 4 x 4 x 36 ins. above ground, marked 30-1-13 on NE. 31-1-13 on SE. 36-1-12 on SW. 35-1-12 on NW. |
| 70. 42 | A blazed line from this cor. extends E. and W. and N. and S. Not being satisfied with the distance on this line and the appearances of the blazes I searched further and find at 76 chs. evidences of a still older blazed line extending E. and W. Without further investigation I would accept the intersection with the older blazed line as the position on this corner. From the cor. of T. 1 N., Rs. 11 and 12 E. of S. boundary of Alabama surveys I ran N. on range line bet. secs. 31 and 36. Failed to find evidence of quarter corner. Fall .35 chs. E. of a recently set lightwood post 2 x 4 x 25 ins. above ground, unmarked. An old blazed line extends E. and W. |
| 70. 20 | From the corner to T. 1 N., Rs. 10 and 11 E., on S. bdy. of Alabama survey I ran N. on range line bet. secs. 31 and 36. Failed to find evidence of quarter corner. Fall .51 chs. E. of a small post, unmarked, supposed to have been by county surveyors for cor. to secs. 25, 30, 31, and 36. From this corner, by the aid of field notes, I find a marked pine 24 ins. in diameter, bears N. 67° E. 50 chs. An old pine stump bears N. 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W. 49 links. A hole where stump has stood bears S. 64° W. 1.07 chs. A hole where stump has stood bears S. 38° E. .39 chs. |

GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

I find that the S. boundary of the Alabama surveys, the State line between Alabama and Florida as restored by Whitner, and the lines of the Florida surveys closing on the State line and the S. boundary of the Alabama surveys, are substantially as reported in the original field notes and plats of record.

Most, if not all, of the original posts set for corners of the Alabama and Florida surveys are gone and an effort has been made by the local surveyors to restore them, and the lines through the timber have been blazed and reblazed several times, until it is difficult to identify the original markings. I found nothing that I could identify as the original evidence of the Florida surveys crossing the strip between the State line and the S. boundary of the Alabama surveys.

Many of the mounds erected by Whitner in reestablishing the "Ellicott" line are in perfect condition and are the best evidence remaining of the original surveys in the vicinity.

The land lying between the State line and the S. boundary of the Alabama surveys is recognized by the State and county authorities as lying and being in the State of Alabama, and no further action seems necessary to determine the status thereof, unless it should be deemed advisable to re-mark the lines of the Florida surveys across the strip and reestablish the closing corners on the "Whitner" and "Coffee" lines.

The mounds established by B. F. Whitner in 1853-54 while satisfactorily marking the line so long as the surrounding country remains in forests and uncultivated, quickly disappear when the land is settled up and brought under cultivation, and something should be done while most of the mounds can yet be identified to more permanently mark the State line.

The trouble about the strip lying between the S. boundary of the Alabama survey and the State line has arisen from the four principal causes:

First. The prevailing ignorance concerning public-land surveys.

Second. A shortage in meridional section and township lines through the south tier of sections of T. 1 N., Alabama.

Third. By the local surveyors attempting to extend the said lines south across the base so as to give the settlers the full amount of land claimed, and

Fourth. The destruction of the original evidence of the surveys through decay, fire, and cutting off of the timber.



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